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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI
for the Intelligence Community

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FROM:

Director, Office of Performance
Evaluation and Improvement

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Review of Reporting
on China

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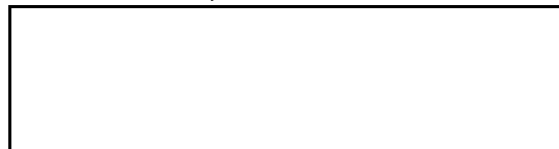
1. Attached is a study on intelligence reporting on Chinese leadership politics from 1965-1975, together with a memorandum requesting that the DCI approve publishing the study as an IC Staff document and furnishing it to the intelligence committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The study was prepared by of the Office of Strategic Research, NFAC, in connection with an OPEI/PAID sponsored effort to examine the inadequacy of intelligence sources and methods contributing to finished products on Chinese political developments. Following completion of the study, OPEI/PAID assembled a broadly representative group of analysts and consumers of intelligence products on China, who critiqued the paper and concurred in its principal judgments, which are set forth in the memorandum for the DCI.

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2. In our memorandum for the DCI, we are requesting approval to publish the attachment as an IC Staff study so that its analysis and principal judgments will receive maximum circulation within the Intelligence Community. We have also received a request for the study from Hal Ford of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and are therefore requesting approval to furnish the attachment to the intelligence committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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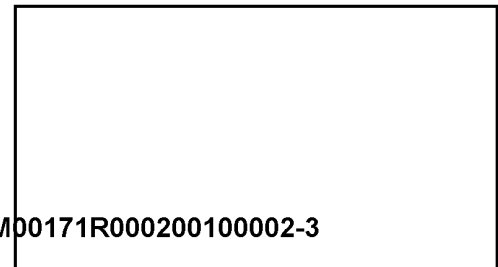


Attachment:

Memo for A/D/DCI/IC signature, w/att,
An Appraisal of Intelligence Sources
and Analyses in the Fall of Teng
Hsiao-p'ing and in the Rise of
Hua Kuo-feng

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Review of Reporting on China

1. ☐ Action Requested: That you approve publishing the attached IC Staff study and also that you approve furnishing copies to the intelligence committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

2. ☐ Background: Attachment was prepared by a CIA/OSR analyst detailed to the IC Staff in connection with an IC Staff assessment of intelligence reporting on China. The object of this effort was to determine if deficiencies exist with respect to intelligence products on Chinese political developments. To produce meaningful judgments with respect to U.S. intelligence performance, the scope of the study was limited to coverage of leadership politics in China from 1965-1975.

3. ☐ While the study was in draft, the IC Staff conducted a detailed review of its content and conclusions by a broadly representative group of analysts and consumers of intelligence products on China within the National Security Council, State, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The results of this review have been incorporated in the study and its Principal Judgments, which are set forth on page 1 of the attachment.

4. ☐ Staff Position: We believe that the preparation of the attachment and its subsequent assessment by analysts and consumers under IC Staff auspices has provided a useful evaluation of the analytical methodologies which have been applied to the difficult problem of

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Chinese leadership analysis and represents an evaluative technique of potential value in measuring user satisfaction with other categories of intelligence products.

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5. ☐ Recommendation: That you approve publication of the attached IC Staff study and that you authorize us to provide copies to the SSCI and HPSCI.

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Attachment:

An Appraisal of Intelligence Sources and
Analyses in the Fall of Teng Hsiao-p'ing
and in the Rise of Hua Kuo-feng

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APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

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